JUNE 7, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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Trust in the promise and power of God's grace.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	**Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**	**The call to follow Jesus**
Monday	**Hosea 5:15—6:6**	**A call to repentance**
Tuesday	**Romans 4:13-25**	**God's promise realized by faith**
Wednesday	**Deuteronomy 5:28-33**	**Moses mediates God's will**
Thursday	**2 Thessalonians 3:1-5**	**Request for prayer**
Friday	**Ephesians 5:28-33**	**Let love be your guide**
Saturday	**Psalm 50:7-15**	**What pleases God**
Sunday	**Matthew 9:35—10:23**	**The sending of the twelve**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[A]s it is written, "I have made you [Abraham] the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.
Romans 4:17 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
Loving God, give us faith and courage to follow you and to touch the lives of those around us with your grace, mercy, and healing power through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
With this gift of food we give you thanks through Jesus Christ, the one who gives us hope now and always. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May you have trust in God.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Here I Am, Lord

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What happens in a relationship when someone makes a promise and doesn't keep it?
- Abraham grew strong in his faith because of God's promise. How does trusting God's promises help you grow in faith?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Romans 4:13-25.

Some Christians in Rome believed one first had to become Jewish by following God's law before one could be a follower of Jesus. However, Abraham, our father in the faith, did not have the law and circumcision that was required to become Jewish. That came later through Moses. What Abraham had was trust in the promise of God, the God who *"gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist"* (v. 17). We, too, *"share the faith of Abraham"* (v. 16). We trust in the promise of God and the power of God's grace that resurrects life through Jesus. Abraham's and Sarah's bodies were old and unable to give birth to a child and, therefore, to a new nation. But it happened, not because of Abraham's or Sarah's ability to birth a child but because of the God who makes promises and keeps them. We are inheritors of Abraham's right relationship with God through faith that trusts the God who *"raised Jesus our Lord from the dead"* (v. 24).

Discuss: God makes promises and keeps them. How does knowing this help you grow in your faith?

Pray: **Creator God, we thank you for giving us new life in Christ through faith, a gift of your never-failing love and grace. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how does following Jesus help you to reach out to someone in need?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus saw Matthew and said to him, *"Follow me"* (Matthew 9:9). And Matthew got up and followed him. One way that many Christians show themselves to be followers of Jesus is by wearing a cross necklace. Some have a cross or a fish symbol tattoo somewhere in a visible place on their body. Think or talk about a time you or someone you know was recognized as a follower of Jesus. Write a list of words that describe a follower of Jesus. Take a moment to read the words aloud.

Then pray: **Dear Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow. May we do so with love and mercy toward others in our daily lives. Amen.**

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